(d) if not, the reasons therefore and whether Government propose to take steps to keep control over such donations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Religious institutions and places of worship are free to manage their activities and Government has no control over the management of their affairs. Action is taken as per law whenever instances of violation of existing laws come to notice.

Ban on bull fighting

860. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 13 people have lost their lives and more than 150 have been injured in bull fighting on the eve of Pongal Celebrations recently in Madurai district of Tamil Nadu, where it is very popular on the line of foreign countries like Spain and France;

(b) whether Government are proposing to impose ban on such dangerous practice of bull fighting; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance to the next to kin of victims of stampede at Mandhardevi Temple

861. SHRI DATA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have provided any help to the next of kin of the victims of the stampede at the Mandhardevi Temple in Wai, Maharashtra on the 25th January, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Union Government have also provided financial help for development of Mandhardevi Temple; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Central Government has

not provided any assistance to the next of kin of the victims at the stampede at the Mandhardevi temple in Satara district, Maharashtra. However, based on the proposal received from the Government of Maharashtra, financial assistance of Rs.19.50 lakhs @ Rs. 50,000 per persons has been given to the next of kin of 39 persons killed in the stampede, from the PM's National Relief Fund.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Terrorism in NE States

†862. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have controlled the increasing incidents of terrorism in North Eastern States;

(b) the reasons for increase in the number of such incidents; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for prevention of these incidents alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The overal terrorist violence in the North East declined by about 19% in 2004 as compared to the previous year. The killing of civilians/security forces during this period showed a decrease of 13.4%

(c) Government has taken various steps to prevent such incidents, which *inter alia* include deployment of Army and Central Paramilitary Forces, coordinated action by the security forces for counter insurgency operations, modernization/upgradation of the State Police Forces, reimbursement of security related expenditure and declaration of militant organizations as 'unlawful associations'. Government has also extended an invitation to all militant outfits to give up the path of violence and to come forward for talks. Socio economic development programmes have also been intensified.

Seizure of uranium

863. SHRI PROMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enriched Uranium was found with a few people in Izzatnagar (district-Bareilly), Uttar Pradesh State; and

(b) if so, what are the details and the action taken thereon?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.